



City of Amesbury
Lakes and Waterways Commission
Meeting of Feb 27, 2014
Location: Health Center Cafe

MEETING MINUTES:

Commission members present: Chairman Bruce Georgian, Jay Knapp, and Alex Pooler

Secretary: Ken Aspeslagh *City Engineer:* Not Present

The meeting began at 6:45 PM.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from January were approved unanimously.
2. **Engineer's Report:**
 - a. Engineer not present.
 - b. Bruce reports about 15" of ice on fast part of Powow.
3. **Membership:** No word from Justin. Tom Murphy still interested. Bruce has potential new prospect that he is following up on.
4. **Meet the mayor:** Bruce wants to introduce the existence of the commission to the Mayor and share some goals. Jay: Mayor has boat and lives on the water. Should let him know about the beach management plan that will be coming soon. Ask about assisting in Lower Millyard and make sure he knows about boat ramp funding. Other possible things to mention (maybe not on first meeting.)
 - a. **Amesbury boat ramp** is in bad shape. Ramp is a hazard at low tide. Excise taxes should go to fixing it. Half is supposed to go back to waterways for improvements. Jay estimates at least 300 boats paying an average of \$100 each.
 - b. **Alex will ask** Mike Basque where does excise tax go?
 - c. **Harbormaster:** Controls boat ramp, write tickets for boats and parked cars. Doesn't go to lakes or all the way up river like he should.
5. **Lower Millyard:** Project will move forward once ground thaws. Jay: Contract has been signed. 400k to dig it out and reclaim it. French excavating Co.
6. **Lake Updates:**
 - a. **Bailey's Pond Update:** none
 - b. **Lake Gardner:** LGIA is thinking of doing a weed count/map.
 - c. **Lake Attitash:** none
7. **Beach Management Plan:** Ken will send the final plan to the group and the LGIA for edits.
8. **Grants:** none
9. **Goals:** Goal to figure out where excise tax goes. Perhaps Lakes & Waterways should have a say in where the waterways money goes.
10. **Updating of watershed management plan:** continued to next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM. The next meeting is March 27th, 2014.